



**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
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Sir:

Applicants herewith petition the Commissioner for Patents under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3) for a three-month extension of time for filing the response to the Office Action dated December 4, 2003, from March 4, 2003, to June 4, 2003. Submitted herewith is a check in the amount of \$860, \$475 of which is to cover the cost of the extension. Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to Deposit Account No.50-1674. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.